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### **Straight to the top** **Young Londoners talk water and waste with Morgan Stanley**

A team of young campaigners from Stoke Newington School went straight to the top when they met leaders in banking and sustainability at Morgan Stanley this week.

As part of the financial services firm's Sustainability Week, 'Stokey H2O' were invited to Canary Wharf to present their plans for a water filtration system to be installed at their school. The team of 16-and 17-year olds have been working together since September with the support of youth charity Envision, and chose to focus on water as they felt it was something that was both locally and globally important. They are planning to install a system to collect and filter rainwater for use within the school, and involve local businesses in sponsoring them to provide clean drinking water in the developing world.

The audience of Morgan Stanley staff was very impressed by the progress the team had already made following their presentation at Envision's Pitch 4 Change event in December. Some even pledged extra funds to help them reach their goal. Other speakers in Sustainability Week included experts on climate change, renewable energy and being a social entrepreneur.

**Marc Murre, MD Morgan Stanley, Vice Chairman of Commodities** said, "We were delighted that the Envision team could take part in our Global Sustainability Week programme. Their contribution was very impressive and an important reminder to all of us that sustainability is not just a big picture idea, but is also about the practicalities and implementation of projects at a local level."

**Envision's Chief Executive Andrew Dick** said, "The opportunity to present to Morgan Stanley staff was a great chance for the students on our programme to get experiences you just can't get at school normally." The students themselves were impressed by how much they had learned about communicating to professionals and presenting in front of an audience.

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**Notes to Editors:**

- **Envision** provides young people with the opportunity to make a difference. The charity was established in 2000 by four young people who wanted to challenge the stereotype that young people are apathetic and disengaged.
- Envision works with over 3000 young people a year in **London, Birmingham and Leeds**, helping them design their own local community projects tackling issues ranging from street crime to climate change. The experience builds confidence, aspirations and skills – inspiring the next generation of young community leaders.
- 97% of students asked said that the Envision programme had improved their **communication skills**; 87% said it had improved their **public speaking**.
- **Pitch 4 Change** is an annual event where teams of young people present their ideas for social or environmental change to a panel of experts and compete for the funds to make them a reality. Read more about Pitch 4 Change at [www.envision.org.uk/businesses/pitch4change](http://www.envision.org.uk/businesses/pitch4change)

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